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## Sweden

### Food and Agricultural Import Regulations and Standards - Certification

### FAIRS Export Certificate Report

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**Report Highlights:**

Sections updated: None. As a member of the European Union (EU), Sweden fully applies EU regulations on export certificates. In addition to certificates required by the EU, there are specific sanitary certificate requirements with regard to salmonella for imports of fresh meat, meat preparations and eggs into Sweden. An export certificate matrix and copies of certificates specific for Sweden are included in this report.

#### **Section I. List of All Export Certificates Required By Government (Matrix) :**

Being a member of the European Union (EU), Sweden fully applies EU export certificate regulations. Required certificate details are set out in specific legislation, including models of the certificates to be used. The Swedish

government does not publish these models in Swedish but, rather, accepts English models as specified in the EU legislation.

For a list of EU-required export certificates and the products they cover, please refer to the U.S. Mission to the European Union's FAIRS Export Certificate GAIN report available at: <http://useu.usmission.gov/agri>

In addition to those certificates required by the EU, Sweden also has specific certificate requirements for fresh meat, meat preparations or minced meat (with the exception of heat-treated meats) and eggs exported to Sweden. These products must be accompanied by a health certificate (a salmonella guarantee) stating that the product is free from salmonella.

Table 1. Specific export certificates required by the Swedish government

Products	Title of Certificate	Attestation Required on Certificate	Purpose	Requesting Ministry
Meat & eggs	Salmonella Guarantee	"No occurrence of salmonella infection disease"	Certificate of conformance	National Food Administration

## **Section II. Purpose of Specific Export Certificate(s)**

### **Salmonella Guarantees**

The purpose of the salmonella guarantee - Certificate of Conformance- is to provide consumer protection. In its EU accession, Sweden and Finland received a derogation allowing them to apply stricter salmonella controls than other EU member countries. Sweden and Finland were granted additional salmonella guarantees covering trade in fresh meat from bovines and hogs, fresh poultry meat and table eggs which were extended to minced meat. All consignments containing fresh meat, meat preparations or minced meat (with the exception of heat-treated meats) are subject to salmonella control.

Salmonella regulations are stipulated in Commission Regulation (EC) No 1688/2005 and the National Food Administration regulations (LIVSFS 2005:22). These regulations do not apply to imports from Norway and Finland, since these countries have the same salmonella status as Sweden. The National Food Administration is the authority responsible for requiring and approving the certificate. Copies of the "Model Certificates" for meats and eggs are found in Appendix I of this report.

Swedish importers are themselves responsible for ensuring that fresh meats, i.e., beef, pork and poultry, are tested for salmonella in the country of dispatch. Documentation stating that the meat was tested in accordance with the applicable EU decision, and that no salmonella was detected in the meat, must accompany the consignment. Likewise, importers of eggs for consumption must, as part of the self-inspection, ensure that the consignment is accompanied by certification of salmonella testing before further processing of the eggs. However, this does not apply when eggs are delivered to pre-approved establishments and when it can be demonstrated that they are to be used in the manufacture of egg products.

### **New Methods Approved for Salmonella Testing**

The EU Commission has approved new testing methods for salmonella in fresh meat (beef, pork and poultry) imported from another EU country. Commission Decision 2003/470/EG approves alternative analytical methods for salmonella testing than those referred to in Decisions 95/409/EG and 95/411/EG. Importers who wish to use other test methods for salmonella are required to provide documentation to the National Food Administration demonstrating that the method used is valid and in accordance with Decision 2003/470/EC. Questions regarding testing methods may be addressed to the National Food Administration (Tel: +4618-17 55 00).

### Section III. Specific Attestations Required on Export Certificate(s)

#### Salmonella – Meat/Eggs

The specific declaration (attestation) required on the salmonella guarantee certifies that the product to be imported into Sweden is in conformance with Sweden's strict non-tolerance for salmonella. [As noted above, the](#) "Model Certificates" can be found in Appendix I.

### Section IV. Government Certificate's Legal Entry Requirements

#### Salmonella

- Does the original certificate need to accompany the product at the time of entry?

Yes.

Commercial documents should follow the model as provided in Appendix I. The certificate should include, in the numbered order that appears in the model, the required attestations for the transportation of meat from bovines or hogs or poultry meat, including minced meat.

It shall be drawn up in one of the official languages of the EU Member State of destination. However, it may also be drawn up in other EU languages, if accompanied by an official translation or if previously agreed by the competent authority of the Member State of destination.

The commercial document must be produced at least in triplicate (one original and two copies). ***The original must accompany the consignment to its final destination.*** The final receiver must retain the original. The producer must retain one of the copies and the carrier the other.

The original of each commercial document shall consist of a single page, both sides, or, where more text is required it shall be in such a form that all pages needed are part of an integrated whole and indivisible.

If, for reasons of identification of the items of the consignment, additional pages are attached to the document, these pages shall also be considered as forming part of the original of the document by the application of the signature of the responsible person on each of the pages.

When the document, including additional pages, comprises more than one page, each page shall be numbered at the bottom as follows: (page number) of (total number of pages). The top of each additional page shall bear the code number of the document as designated by the responsible authority.

- Can the certificate be applied to multiple shipments?

No. The Certificate follows the individual consignment.

- Will Sweden accept a Supplier's or Manufacturer's Export Declaration as proof of compliance?

Yes, for meats this is acceptable. However, the certificate for eggs must be issued by the competent authority in the United States.

- Will Sweden accept a U.S. State issued export certificate?

Yes, provided that it has been drawn up in accordance with the Model Certificates.

- Will Sweden derogate export certificates?

The EU has a bilateral mutual equivalency veterinary trade agreement with the United States facilitating import procedures. However, the certificate requirements must be respected.

## **Section V. Other Certification/Accreditation Requirements**

Foods of animal origin (meat, fish, milk, eggs and products thereof) must come from an EU-approved establishment in the country of origin and be accompanied by a health certificate as described in Section I. The list of approved U.S. export facilities can be found on the website of the Foreign Agricultural Service U.S. Mission to the European Union at:

<http://useu.usmission.gov/agri>

## **Appendix I. Electronic Copy or Outline of Each Export Certificate**

**Model certificate for the consignment to Finland and Sweden of eggs intended for human consumption**

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## Intra trade certificate

Part I: Details of consignment presented	I.1. Consignor <input type="checkbox"/> Name Address Postal code		I.2. Certificate reference number		I.2.a. Local reference number:			
			I.3. Central Competent Authority					
			I.4. Local Competent Authority					
	I.5. Consignee Name Address Postal code		I.6. No(s) of related original certificates * No(s) of accompanying documents *					
			I.7. Dealer * Name Approval number					
	I.8. Country of origin	ISO code	I.9. Region of origin	Code	I.10. Country of destination	ISO code	I.11. Region of destination	Code
	I.12. Place of origin/Place of harvest * Holding <input type="checkbox"/> * Assembly centre <input type="checkbox"/> * Dealer's premise <input type="checkbox"/> * Approved body <input type="checkbox"/> * Semen centre <input type="checkbox"/> * Approved aquaculture holding <input type="checkbox"/> * Embryo team <input type="checkbox"/> * Establishment <input type="checkbox"/> * Other <input type="checkbox"/> Name Approval number Address Postal code				I.13. Place of destination * Holding <input type="checkbox"/> * Assembly centre <input type="checkbox"/> * Dealer's premise <input type="checkbox"/> * Approved body <input type="checkbox"/> * Semen centre <input type="checkbox"/> * Approved aquaculture holding <input type="checkbox"/> * Embryo team <input type="checkbox"/> Establishment <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Name Approval number Address Postal code			
	I.14. Place of loading * Postal code				I.15. Date and time of departure *			
	I.16. Means of transport Aeroplane <input type="checkbox"/> Ship <input type="checkbox"/> Railway wagon <input type="checkbox"/> Road vehicle <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Identification:				I.17. Transporter * Name Approval number Address Postal code Member State			
	I.18. Animal species/Product				I.19. Commodity code (CN code)			
					I.20. Number/Quantity			
	I.21. Temperature of products Ambient <input type="checkbox"/> Chilled <input type="checkbox"/> Frozen <input type="checkbox"/>				I.22. Number of packages			
	I.23. Identification of container/Seal number				I.24. Type of packaging			
	I.25. Animals certified as/products certified for: * Breeding <input type="checkbox"/> * Fattening <input type="checkbox"/> * Slaughter <input type="checkbox"/> * Transhumance <input type="checkbox"/> * Approved body <input type="checkbox"/> * Artificial reproduction <input type="checkbox"/> * Registered equidae <input type="checkbox"/> * Game restocking <input type="checkbox"/> * Pets <input type="checkbox"/> Human consumption <input type="checkbox"/> * Animal feedstuff <input type="checkbox"/> * Pharmaceutical use <input type="checkbox"/> * Technical use <input type="checkbox"/> * Other <input type="checkbox"/>							
	I.26. Transit through Third country <input type="checkbox"/> Third country ISO code Exit point Code Entry point BIP unit no.:				I.27. Transit through Member states <input type="checkbox"/> Member State ISO code Member State ISO code Member State ISO code			
I.28. Export <input type="checkbox"/> Third country ISO code Exit point Code				I.29. Estimated journey time				
I.30. Route plan * Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>								
I.31. Identification of the animals/products <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div>Species (Scientific name)</div> <div>Approval number of establishments/vessels</div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div>Category</div> <div>Processing plant</div> <div>Quantity</div> <div>Net weight</div> </div>								

\* Not to be completed

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#### Eggs for human consumption dispatched to Finland and Sweden

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